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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: SAHARA WATCH: PRESIDENT OULD DADDAH'S MESSAGE OF THANKS
TO PRESIDENT FORD

REF: STATE 296928

1. WE SEE NO NEED TO REPLY TO GIRM'S "THANK YOU NOTE".
MOREOVER, WE HAVE DETECTED NO SIGN THAT GIRM EXPECTS
A REPLY.

2. SINCE DESPATCH NOUAKCHOTT 2498, THREE MORE
EXPRESSIONS OF MAURITANIAN GRATITUDE HAVE COME OUR
WAY. SIDI 'ABDALLAHI OPENED DECEMBER 9 NEGOTIATING
SESSION WITH LANG/PRITCHARD REPRESENTATIVES WITH
DECLARATION OF WARM APPRECIATION FOR US SUPPORT
ON SAHARA, AND EXPRESSED VIEW THAT THIS US ACTION
SIGNIFICANTLY ENHANCED PROSPECTS FOR EXPANDED COOPERATION
BETWEEN MAURITANIA AND US PRIVATE FIRMS. THAT EVENING
PRESIDENT OULD DADDAH MADE SPECIAL POINT DURING
CEREMONIES MARKING CLOSING OF TRADE FAIR OF SEEKING
ME OUT IN FRONT FULL COLLECTION OF GIRM MINISTERS
AND CHIEFS OF DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS TO CONVEY HIS
APPRECIATION IN PERSON. ON SIXTEENTH AS WE WERE ASSEMBLED
AT AIRPORT TO GREET ARRIVING OMVS CHIEFS, FOREING MINISTER
WHO HAD JUST RETURNED FROM NEW YORK REPEATED NOW FAMILIAR
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MESSAGE, AND INDICATED HE WOULD BE SETTING UP APPOINTMENT

IN NEXT FEW DAYS TO PURSUE DISCUSSION IN GREATER DETAIL.

3. WITH GREEN LIGHT IN PARA 3 REFTTEL IN HAND, IT WILL
BE PLEASURE TO STOP HINTING AND LAUNCH EXPLICIT "COLLECTION
EFFORT" DURING PROJECTED SESSION WITH MOUKNASS.HANDYSIDE

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